

Connecticut Department of
Correction
Parole & Community
Services Division
Assessments Overview

Where We Were
Where We Are
Where We Are Going?

Where We Were

- Through collaboration with CSSD all parole staff were trained in the LSI-R and ASUS-R in the summer-2008
- Parole and Community Service Assessment Policy established 9/19/08
- By the end of 2008 all parole staff were completing assessments

Where We Are

- LSI-R, ASUS-R and Case Management Plan completed on transitional supervision offenders and parolees.
- Level of Supervision based on subject's risk and need level from the results of the assessments.
- All offenders (except GPS) released under supervision are on maximum supervision until assessments are completed.

Levels of Supervision

- Established by policy based on offender's risk and needs assessment.
- Can change throughout supervision based on program participation and compliance
- Maximum LSI-R score 31-54
- Medium LSI-R score 19-30
- Minimum LSI-R score 0-18

Program Referrals

- Results from the assessments are used to develop a case management plan for the offender while referring offenders to the appropriate programs
 - Substance abuse
 - Domestic Violence
 - Mental Health
 - Anger Management

Where We Are Going

Gender Responsive Assessment Acknowledgements

- Evaluation of Correctional Programs – Gender Responsiveness
- Funded by the Office of Policy and Management
- Grant No. 09AG652DOC1

What is “Gender Responsive?”

- Acknowledges the realities of women’s lives and how they may differ from men, including the pathways to offending and how relationships shape their lives.
- Practices address issues like violence, abuse, family relationships, substance abuse, trauma, parenting, intimate relationships, poverty, and mental health.

Gender Responsive Assessments

- Women's Risk/Needs Assessment (WRNA)
(The Trailer)
- Authored by Krista Gehring and Valerie Bell
University of Cincinnati
- New Haven, Bridgeport, Norwich
- Staff trained on WRNA May 2010 by Dr. Cynthia Hirbourn, staff psychologist
- Summer-2010 sample testing of assessments in
community on female offenders

Gender-Neutral Risk/Needs Factors

- Remember
 - Employment/Educational/Job Skills
 - Substance Abuse
 - Dysfunctional Family
 - Antisocial Attitudes, Values & Beliefs
 - Antisocial Associates
 - Antisocial Personality or Low Self-Control
 - Criminal History

Gender-Responsive Risk/Needs Factors

- Relationship dysfunction
- Family conflict
- Child abuse
- Adult Victimization
- Parental involvement
- Parental stress
- Housing safety
- Depression/anxiety (symptoms)
- Psychosis (symptoms)
- And strengths (Self efficacy, family support, parental involvement, and educational assets)

Goals

- Create a seamless system (dynamic factors)
 - Classification (York CI)
 - Pre-Release
 - Community Supervision

Final Review

- Currently using LSI-R and ASUS-R
- Testing WRNA in community pending implementation phase of grant which will involve further training and evaluation by trained experts from the University of Cincinnati
- Goal is to incorporate the current assessment tools with gender-responsive assessment to effectively supervise female offenders